

"THE DETOUR" IS NEXT THEATRE GUILD DRAMA

Owen Davis Production to Be Staged at Kuppenheimer Hall Late in April

"The Detour," by Owen Davis, is the fourth and last production to be presented in Winnetka this season by the North Shore Theater guild. It will be given on April 29 and 30, in the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall, Skokie school.

"The Detour" is considered by critics to be one of the greatest American dramas ever written. It is so rated by those qualified to judge, and has been included in many notable collections of representative American plays.

Although "The Detour" was played in Chicago some five years ago, it is practically a new piece to Chicago theater-goers. Its opening occurred very early in the fall, before the theatrical season was well under way, and at an out-of-the-way theater. Therefore, though some North Shore playgoers may not have heard or even read of it, "The Detour" is only a slight variation from the Guild's policy of producing plays unknown to Chicago audiences.

Played by Effie Shannon

In the local production, of the professional company as well as in New York, the leading roles were taken by Effie Shannon and Augustus Duncan. Miss Shannon appeared last week at the Blackstone theater in Chicago, in "Trelawney of the Wells."

Owen Davis, the author of the play, is perhaps the most prolific American playwright. Before writing "The Detour" he had, for years been turning out one play after another for the 10-

20-30 type of showhouse. Suddenly he stunned the dramatic world with the production of this fascinating drama. The critics saw it and wondered. They could not believe that Davis had written it. It was unlike any of his other work—a startling and most worthwhile bit of drama.

Wins Pulitzer Award

When it came to be considered for the Pulitzer prize, the judges found it difficult to award this coveted honor to the same man who had written "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl." They gave the prize to another play that year.

The next season, however, Mr. Davis came forth with another powerful play, "Icebound." It swept away the last vestige of doubt. The critics gave Mr. Davis the prize he so richly deserved, for they knew him at last to be a great dramatist. "Icebound" was given by the Theater guild three years ago.

Return to Smith College After Holidays at Home

Miss Mary Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer B. Parker of 577 Ash street, has returned to Smith college at Northampton, Mass., after spending the spring vacation with her parents. Miss Dorothy Dickinson, daughter of the Frederick Dickinsons of 1228 Scott avenue, also returned to Winnetka to pass the spring holidays with her parents, and has recently left to resume her studies.

Miss Janet Olmsted, daughter of the John M. Olmsteds of 1072 Private road, a student at Smith, spent the spring vacation week with her parents in their Winnetka home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Howard, 643 Walden road, Winnetka, are spending a few days at French Lick Springs.



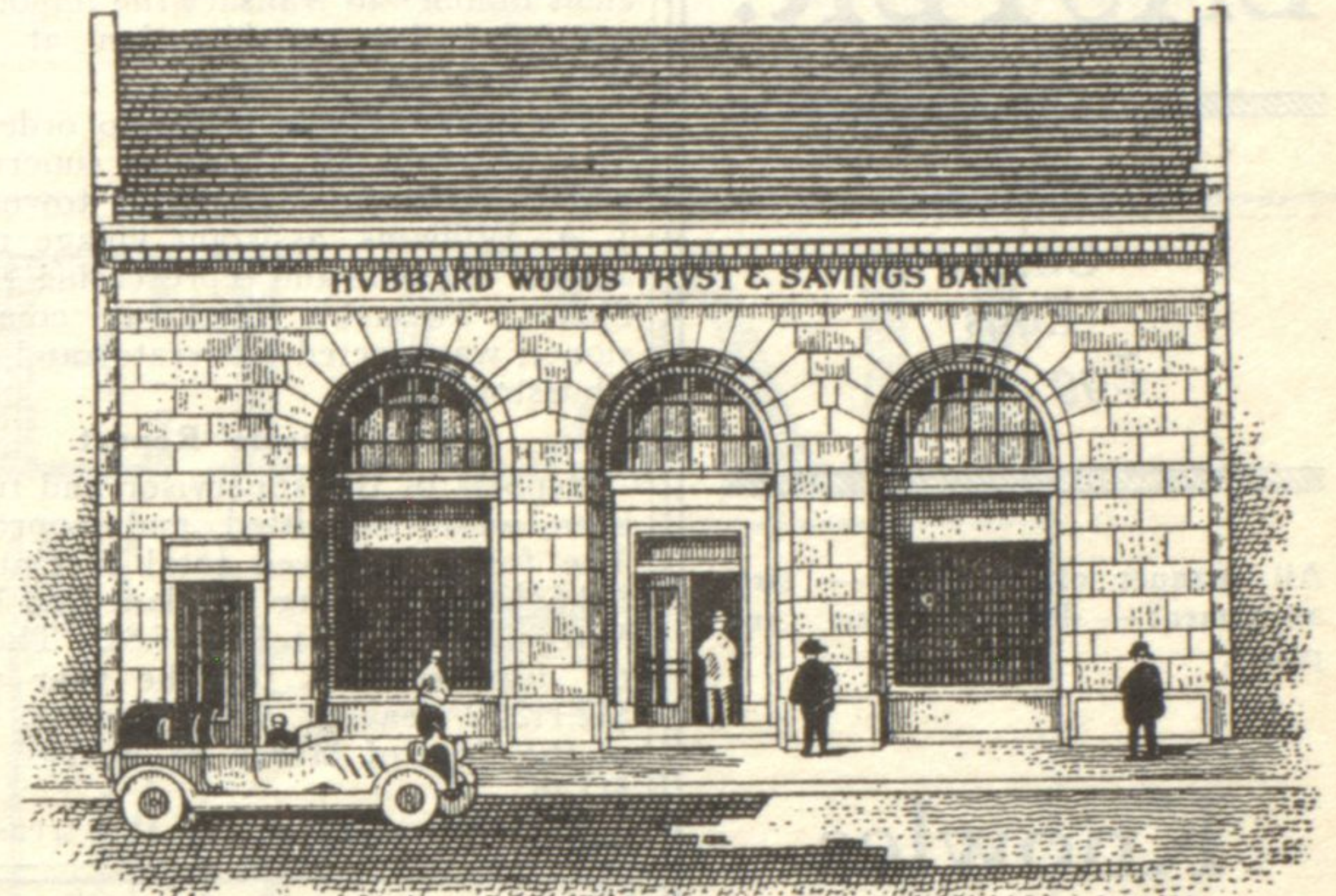
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